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Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed October 24, 2003, in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. In accordance with the pre-OG Notice dated July 11, 2003, entitled "Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003," only a copy of the listed foreign document is enclosed.

The listed Chinese document was cited in an Official Letter of a corresponding Chinese application. A copy of the Official Letter is included for the Examiner's convenience.

US '977 and US '295 correspond to CN '179.

CN '179 may be relevant for the reasons summarized in its English abstract.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

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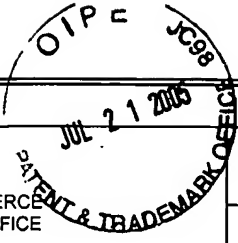
Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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		1176179	03/1998	CHINA			ABSTRACT

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